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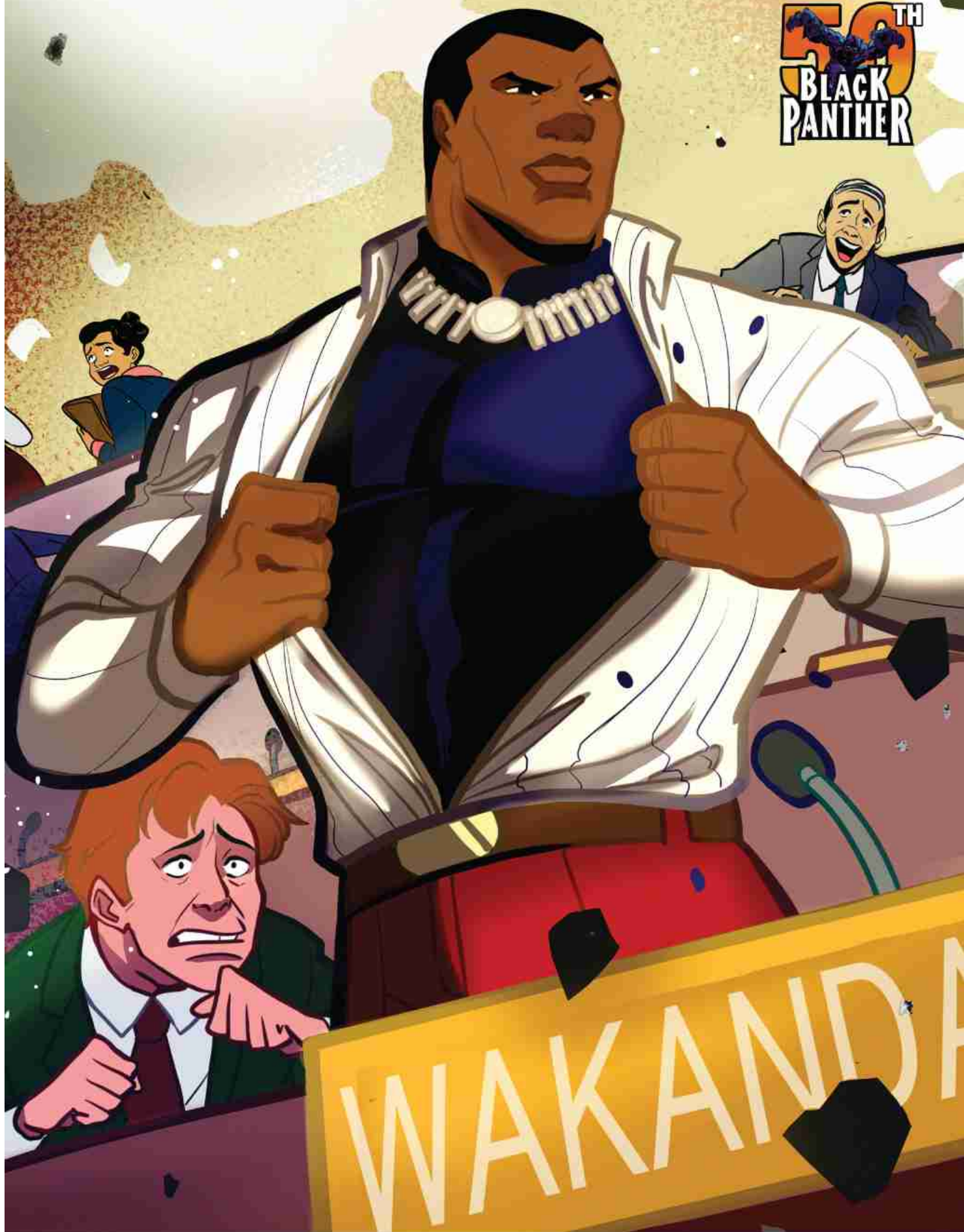
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WHEN A NEW INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES MANIFESTS THE ABILITY TO PROFILE THE FUTURE, THE SUPERHUMAN COMMUNITY IS SPLIT AS TO WHETHER HIS POWER IS AN ASSET OR A DANGER.

STORM AND HER TEAM OF X-MEN HAVE SIDED WITH CAPTAIN MARVEL AND THE PREDICTIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVE, WHILE MAGNETO FEARS ULYSSES TIPS THE SCALE IN THE ONGOING COLD WAR BETWEEN MUTANTS AND INHUMANS. NIGHTCRAWLER HAS HIS OWN RESERVATIONS ABOUT PREDICTIVE JUSTICE AND HAS JOINED MAGNETO'S TEAM IN THE SAVAGE LAND.

WHEN MAGNETO MADE THE FIRST MOVE, SENDING FANTOMEX INTO THE INHUMAN CAPITAL, NEW ATILAN, TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE ON ULYSSES, PSYLOCKE RUSHED TO ALERT STORM'S TEAM IN HOPES OF PREVENTING WAR.

FANTOMEX WAS SUCCESSFULLY APPREHENDED, LEADING MAGNETO'S TEAM TO STAGE A RESCUE, WHILE RACHEL GREY AND MAGNETO HEADED TO NEW ATILAN FOR ULYSSES...

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I MEANT
WHAT I SAID,
MAGNETO.

NO ONE
DIES WHILE
WE'RE HERE.

RACHEL GREY.



NO
ONE.

WE GRAB
ULYSSES AND
WE'RE OUT OF
HERE--WITHOUT
GETTING BLOOD
ON OUR
HANDS.

MAGNETO.



HAVE
YOU FOUND
HIM?

I'VE GLEANED HIS LOCATION
FROM THE MINDS OF THOSE
AROUND US. LOWER YOUR
MENTAL DEFENSES A
TAD AND I'LL POINT
YOU IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION.

I MIGHT
ALSO NOTE THAT
NONE OF THESE
PEOPLE HATE US
THE WAY YOU THINK
THEY DO.

THEY'RE
AFRAID OF YOU,
BUT THEY DON'T HATE
MUTANTS IN GENERAL.



HOLD THE
INHUMANS OFF
FOR AS LONG
AS YOU CAN.

I'LL DO MY BEST, BUT YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT A WIDE-RANGE
PSYCHIC SWEEP
HERE.

I CAN PUT
THEM TO SLEEP,
MAKE YOU INVISIBLE,
AND OTHERWISE SEND
THEM RUNNING
IN CIRCLES...

...BUT I CAN
ONLY KEEP THEM
AWAY FOR TEN,
FIFTEEN MINUTES, TOPS.



MANHATTAN.



WE'RE
BEING STALLED
HERE!

MAGNETO
WANTS TO DISTRACT
US WHILE HE MAKES
HIS MOVE AGAINST
THE INHUMANS!

STORM.

YOU
MUST KNOW
THAT THERE IS
NOTHING YOU
CAN DO NOW,
ORORO.

CONFRONTING
MAGNETO WILL
NOT CHANGE
ANYTHING.

ONLY MAGNETO
HIMSELF CAN
CONTROL THE
OUTCOME OF
THIS STRUGGLE.

ARCHANGEL.

THAT IS
WHAT MAGNETO
WANTS US TO
BELIEVE!

BUT I WILL
NOT LET HIM
DAMN US ALL
FOR THE SAKE
OF HIS MAD
CRUSADE!

HE'LL MAKE
ENEMIES WHERE
HE COULD FIND
ALLIES--

--AS EASILY
AS HE'S TURNED
US AGAINST ONE
ANOTHER!

SHRA-KOW









MAGIK

YOU AND MAGNETO, YOU'RE GOING TO PUT **EVERY** MUTANT IN EVEN GREATER DANGER!

THE INHUMANS ARE **NOT** OUR ENEMIES!

SAYS THE GIRL WHO FROLICS WITH DEMONS.

FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T TRUST YOU AS A **CHARACTER WITNESS**.

ILLYANA!
GET CLEAR! GET BACKUP!

MONET.



DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!

TRY TO STOP ME!



HERE--LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME **NEW FRIENDS** TO PLAY WITH.

YOU WON'T BE **LONELY** WHILE I'M GONE!



NNNN...

THIS GOT OUT OF HAND RATHER QUICKLY, DIDN'T IT, ORORO?

IT DID, KURT.

I WOULD HAVE MUCH PREFERRED TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION PEACEFULLY.



ARE WE CERTAIN THAT OPTION'S OFF THE TABLE?

MAGNETO'S ACTIONS ARE RASH, YES, BUT IF WE MUTANTS COULD COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING, PERHAPS THE INHUMANS--

NO.

AH, KURT. HOW CAN YOU BE SO BLIND?

IF MAGNETO DOES THIS--



"...THEN MUTANTKIND
DESERVES ITS FATE."

SO...
YOU'RE HIM.

WOW.

YOU'RE
MAGNETO.



YOU'RE...



...KIND OF
SCARY.



ARE
YOU...
...HERE
TO KILL
ME?



IF YOU KNOW
WHO I AM, THEN
YOU KNOW WHAT I
AM CAPABLE OF...
THE ACTIONS I AM
WILLING TO TAKE
TO PROTECT
MY PEOPLE.

AND YOU
KNOW WHY I
HAVE COME.



I KNOW.

I WAS
JUST HOPING...
I COULD TALK
YOU OUT
OF IT.



I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
DOING HERE.

I'VE
BEEN TOLD
SOME OF IT...AND I
PIECED THE REST
TOGETHER.

YOU
THINK I'M A
WEAPON.

AND--FOR
SOME REASON--
YOU THINK I'M
GOING TO BE
USED AGAINST
YOU.



BUT OUR
PEOPLE AREN'T
FIGHTING EACH
OTHER.

AT
LEAST, WE
WEREN'T.

I THOUGHT
THAT WAS
BEHIND US.



IN MY
EXPERIENCE, IT
IS THE **WEAPON**
THAT TURNS A
COLD WAR...

...INTO
THE **REAL**
THING.



WHAT I CAN
DO...SEEING ALL
THESE **TERRIBLE**
DISASTERS...
THEY CALL IT
A **GIFT**.

BUT
IT'S **AWFUL**...
SEEING THESE
CATASTROPHES
PLAYING OUT
IN MY HEAD.

THERE
ARE...



...SO
MANY OF
THEM.



I ONLY WANTED TO HELP,
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THESE
PREDICTIONS OF MINE...

...ARE JUST
PUTTING PEOPLE
AT EACH OTHER'S
THROATS.



YOU
NEED TO KNOW,
THOUGH...

...THIS **ISN'T**
GOING TO TURN
OUT THE WAY
YOU THINK.



"IT WILL BE MUCH, MUCH WORSE."

ALL THOSE TIMES I WANTED TO SEE YOU DEAD, CREED...BUT HERE WE ARE.

I DON'T WANT TO CUT YOU DOWN...BUT IF YOU AND YOURS DON'T STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING, THAT'S HOW IT'LL BE!

RAAARGH!



WE'RE ON BORROWED TIME NOW!

THE WITCH WILL BE BACK WITH THE CAVALRY ANY MINUTE!

LET'S HOPE WE GAVE MAGNETO THE BREATHING ROOM HE NEEDED!



WHEN MAGNETO TAKES OUR CHOICES FROM US, KURT, WHERE WILL WE BE THEN?

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE?

OUR DECISIONS WERE MADE FOR US LONG AGO, STORM... AND NOT BY MAGNETO.

NO PREDICTION IS GOING TO CHANGE THAT NOW.

WE HAVE TO BE READY WHEN THOSE DECISIONS YIELD THEIR RESULTS.

"WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL BE ON THE SAME 'SIDE' I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ON."



AACK!



KURT! WHAT ARE YOU--

I'LL NOT LET YOU MURDER ANOTHER MUTANT, MYSTIQUE!

THERE ARE TOO FEW OF US LEFT!









...I CAN
SHOW THAT
TO YOU.





AFTER EVERYTHING HE DID...

...AFTER HIS WARNINGS ABOUT THE INHUMANS HAVING SUCH A TERRIBLE WEAPON...

...WHY WOULD HE JUST GIVE UP?

THAT'S NOT HIS STYLE AT ALL.



I THINK... MAYBE...

...ULYSSES SHOWED HIM SOMETHING.



SHOWED HIM WHAT?

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MAGNETO. HE'S NOT THE KIND OF GUY WHO FLINCHES.



HOPEFULLY, SOMEONE TOLD THE REST OF MAGNETO'S TEAMMATES THAT THE FIGHT IS OVER.

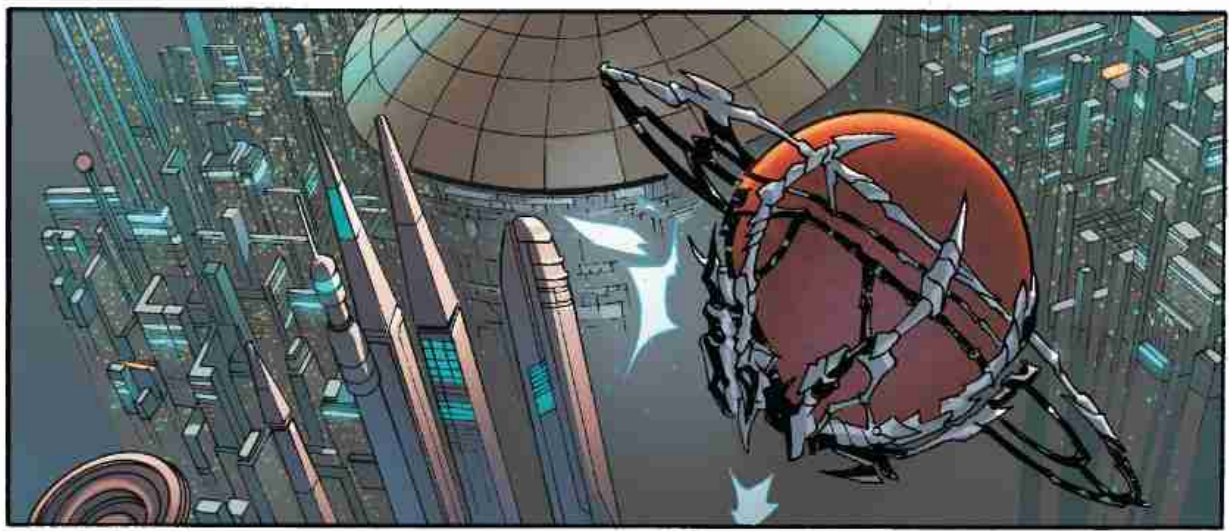


I'LL LET THEM KNOW.

I'LL TELL THEM... SOMETHING.

I'LL TELL THEM THAT WHATEVER MAGNETO SAW...





WAR ROOM X. THE SAVAGE LAND.



WHAT
THE HELL
WERE YOU
THINKING?

SHACK

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE **PARTNERS!**
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID WHEN YOU
ASKED ME TO JOIN YOU!

IF THAT WERE THE
CASE, YOU'D KEEP ME
APPRISED OF YOUR PLANS...
AND YOU'D TAKE MY ADVICE
INTO ACCOUNT!

BUT
MAYBE THAT'S
JUST TOO
COMPLICATED
FOR YOU!

I'M NOT
YOUR PARTNER
ANYMORE,
ERIK.

I'M
YOUR **BLOODY**
CHAPERONE.

WELL...ON THAT
UNCOMFORTABLE
NOTE, I'LL BE
LEAVING.

IT LOOKS LIKE
YOUR TEAM HAS ITS
QUOTA OF PSYCHICS
WHO DOUBT YOUR
MOTIVES.

VERY
WELL, MISS
GREY.

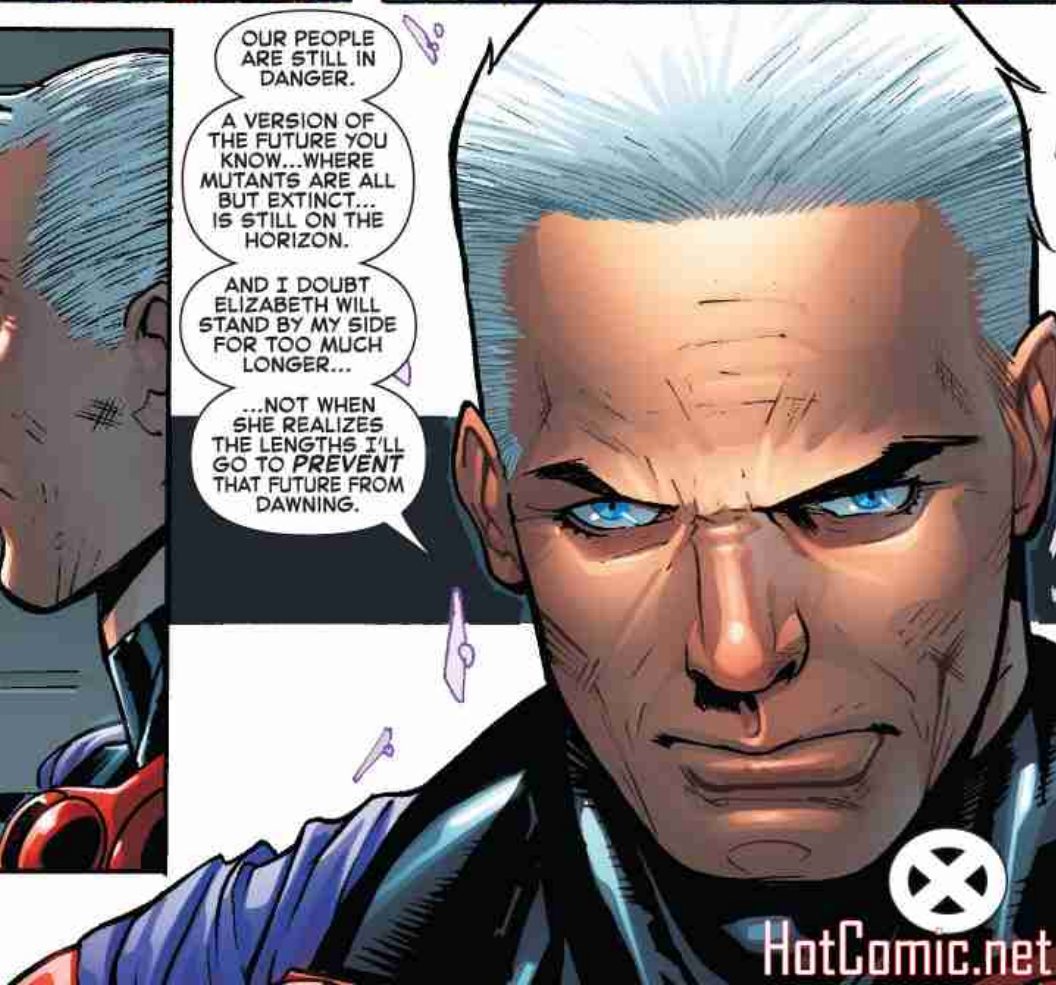
BUT I
MIGHT ASK
THAT YOU
DON'T GO
FAR.

OUR PEOPLE
ARE STILL IN
DANGER.

A VERSION OF
THE FUTURE YOU
KNOW...WHERE
MUTANTS ARE ALL
BUT EXTINCT...
IS STILL ON THE
HORIZON.

AND I DOUBT
ELIZABETH WILL
STAND BY MY SIDE
FOR TOO MUCH
LONGER...

...NOT WHEN
SHE REALIZES
THE LENGTHS I'LL
GO TO **PREVENT**
THAT FUTURE FROM
DAWNING.



**THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE
MUTANTS AND THE INHUMANS
ESCALATES THIS OCTOBER IN
*DEATH OF X #1!***



MARVEL

DON'T MISS

**DEATH
OF X #1**

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